

PREFACE

This special issue of *Discrete Applied Mathematics* is the result of a Summer School on Combinatorial Optimization that was held at the National Institute of Higher Education in Dublin from July 4 to July 5, 1983. During the school, a number of participants presented their recent research work. A selection of their papers was accepted for publication in this issue after the usual refereeing procedure. The large variety in topics addressed by the authors bears witness to the rapid expansion that the area of combinatorial optimization has undergone in recent years.

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